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head-end includes at least a basic or minimal level of functionality. Such minimal level of functionality may comprise, for example, the ability to decode an MPEG-2 transport stream including video information (and associated audio information) and process the decoded video (and associated audio information) to produce video (and audio) streams or signals suitable for use by a presentation device. However, some set top terminals may have a very high level of graphics processing capability and/or control capability, while others may have a much lower level of functionality.

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Page 17, beginning at line 18, to line 24:

At step 350, a query is made as to whether the requested content is associated with asset data to be provided to the STT. If the query at step 350 is answered negatively, then the method 300 proceeds to step 335 to wait for the next STT request. If the query at step 350 is answered affirmatively, then the method 300 proceeds to step 325, where the appropriate asset data is selected based upon the STT capability previously established.

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C. In The Claims

Please replace the following claims 10, 14, 17, and 19 as rewritten below:

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10. A method of adapting asset delivery within a heterogeneous video-on-demand distribution system, comprising the steps of:
 - determining, for each set top terminal (STT) requesting a session for video content in the video-on-demand distribution system, a capability level of said STT and a capability level of the distribution network;
 - selecting, from a plurality of available video content and navigational assets stored on service provider equipment, video content and navigational assets appropriate to said capability level of said STT; and
 - providing said selected video content and navigational assets in response to STT communications indicative of a need for said video content and assets.